GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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Sewage Treatment Plants
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/CPCB has released the data from Inventorization of Sewage Treatment Plants;

(b) if so, the number of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) under construction and the number of STPs completed;

(c) the quantity in Million Litres Per Day (MLD) of Sewage being generated by Class I and II cities annually and the percentage/amount of this sewage being treated; and

(d) whether the Government has any plan to prevent the dumping of nutrient rich faecal sludge as organic compost for farmers and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a) & (b) Inventorization of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) has been carried out by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in 2014-15. As per the report of CPCB, 601 STPs have been constructed and 145 are under construction.

(c) As per assessment made by CPCB in 2015, the sewage generation from urban areas in the country is estimated at 61,948 million litres per day (MLD), whereas the total sewage treatment capacity available is only 23,277 MLD. About 37% of sewage generated is treated through STPs.

(d) The municipal sludge generated from sewage treatment plants is promoted for use by farmers as soil conditioner or manure.

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